

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

There is provided a playing time limiting mode for controlling a picture image outputting apparatus by means of a playing time enabling the outputting operation of a picture image and a locking time disabling the outputting operation of a picture image, in which the playing time is set to be a preferable value by the setting operation of a user; a value set beforehand in the apparatus is used as the locking time; when a playing time limiting mode is selected by a mode selection, first, the timing of the playing time is begun according to a prescribed condition, and when the passing of the playing time is detected, the timing of the locking time is begun and the operation of the outputting of a picture image is made to be impossible until the locking time has passed.